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FOIPA Request No.: NFP-107895
Subject: Germany, et al.
(November 2015 – May 22, 2019)

Dear Mr. Fernandes:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

The FOIPA provides for access to Government records where the records sought are "reasonably described" [Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(a)(3)(A)]. Your request is overly broad and it does not comport with the requirements of 28 CFR § 16.3(b), as it does not provide enough detail to enable personnel to locate records "with a reasonable amount of effort;" it is unduly burdensome. Therefore, your request is being administratively closed. In accordance with Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 16.3(b), please provide us more specific information.

Examples of specific information which could assist in locating potentially responsive records within a reasonable amount of effort are as follows:

- Individuals
 - Complete name
 - Birth date
 - Place of birth
 - Place of death
 - Date of death
 - Date and location of incident
- Organizations or Events
 - Date of event
 - Time frame
 - Location

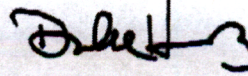
For questions on how to reasonably describe your request, please email us at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. You may also visit www.fbi.gov and select "Services," "Information Management," and "Freedom of Information/Privacy Act" for additional guidance.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish.

David M. Hardy
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